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1. NEWLY RECRUITED TAMERLANE SOURCES HAVE IDENTIFIED
(IN PART) THE CURRENT OPIUM TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES AND
ROUTES FROM PAKISTAN THROUGH AFGHANISTAN TO THE IRAN
FRONTIER. THIS NEW DATA PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO THE
PREVIOUSLY OBSCURE AREA OF OPIUM STOCKPILING IN THE NWFP
AND WHAT BECOMES OF IT. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION
INDICATES THAT 60 TO 75 PERCENT OF THE PAKISTAN OPIUM
CROP MAY BE FINDING ITS WAY TO IRAN. THIS DATA IS
PRESENTLY BEING RESEARCHED THROUGH SEVERAL DEA/PNCB
INFORMATION CHANNELS.

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2. RECENT REPORTS FROM TAMERLANE SOURCES REVEAL A
SMUGGLING ROUTE BEGINNING IN LANDI KOTAL (NWFP) WITH
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES (STOCKIST AND
BUYER) FOR QUANTITIES OF OPIUM TO BE CARAVANNED TO
IRAN. THE AVERAGE CARAVAN WILL TRANSPORT FROM ONE
TO TWO TONS OF OPIUM PER TRIP. PRIOR TO THE MOVEMENT
OF ANY MERCHANDISE THE BUYER MUST POST A PARTIAL PAY-

MENT WITH THE STOCKIST. THE CURRENT PRICE WHICH IS NEGOTIABLE, IS 800 TO 1400 PAK RUPEES PER KILOGRAM DOWN FROM THE AVERAGE OF 2000 RUPEES BECAUSE OF SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN SUPPLY. THE ACTUAL PRICE AND AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT NEEDED PRIMARILY DEPENDS ON THE RELIABILITY OF THE BUYER AND THE QUANTITY OF THE PURCHASE.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS THE STOCKIST THEN PREPARES THE SHIPMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF A KUCHI (NOMAD) CARAVAN. THE CARAVAN THEN TRANSPORTS THE OPIUM BY MULE/CAMEL TO VARIOUS STAGING AREAS. THE PREVAILING ROUTE IS FROM LANDI KOTAL THROUGH BAZAAR VALLEY-KAI CHONI (NEAR MARCO POLO POLICE STATION) ONWARD TO LANGAR AND KHAWAJA CHIST. AT KHAWAJA CHIST, THE OPIUM IS SHIFTED TO SMALL TRUCKS AND JEEPSTERS AND THEN TAKEN TO SHINDAND AND ULTIMATELY TO IRAN. NOTE: SOME NAMES ARE WRITTEN PHONETICALLY.

4. PRESENTLY THE IDO HAS LEARNED THROUGH TAMERLANE ONE THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE IMMINENT MOVEMENT OF AN OPIUM CARAVAN FROM THE NWFP. TAMERLANE SUB-SOURCES WHO HAVE INFILTRATED SEVERAL STOCKIST GROUPS AT LANDI KOTAL AND BARA ARE BEING DIRECTED TO POSITION THEMSELVES FOR THE MONITORING OF OPIUM CARAVAN MOVEMENTS.
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5. PARIS RO AND KABUL DO: TO INSURE THE PROPER COORDINATION OF THIS OPERATION IT IS ADVISED THAT SAIC HURLEY TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN FOR BRIEFINGS BY THE IDO AND TAMERLANE SOURCES. ADVISE SOONEST.

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